

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the specification by replacing the first full paragraph on page three with the following paragraph corrected as shown:**

What existed in the past for doing B+ Tree searches of the specified complexity includes at least the List Search Key method provided by Unisys Corporation, the assignee of the instant patent, but which is not well documented in relevant aspects. However, this List Search Key method appears to be quite similar to a portion of the MDAM™ system provided more recently by Compaq Computer Corporation; and described on their website as of the time of the filing of this document <http://nonstop.compaq.com/docs/IO/3651/ATT/mdam.pdf>, and which is also, apparently, the subject of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,354 issued to Leslie et al.